

## DECLARATION OF DR. THOMAS OAKES

1. My name is Dr. Thomas W. Oakes. I reside at 10303 Centinella Drive, La Mesa, California, 91941.
2. I am the inventor of the "System and Method for Generating Hydrogen Gas Using Renewable Energy", for which U.S. Patent Application number 10/785,234 was filed on February 24, 2004. This U.S. Patent application was preceded by a formal Disclosure application # 1529415 to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, dated April 8, 2003.
3. I received my doctorate degree from The University Of Utah in the field of Medical Sociology. I have a masters degree from Brigham Young University in the field of Personnel and Guidance. I also have a bachelors of science degree from Brigham Young University in the field of Psychology.
4. I was an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Northern Arizona University from 1974 to 1978.
5. From 1982 to 1991 I carried out government contracted research and development. That work included awards for 7 Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) awards and other direct contracts with the U.S. Navy. One of the SBIRs was with the U.S. Transportation Department focusing on improvements for solar cell photovoltaic electricity generation. Improvements were achieved in increasing electrical generation of such silicon cells and increases were designed, implemented, and tested to increase photovoltaic cell longevity.
6. In the 10/785,234 application, a proton exchanging membrane is described. The membrane may have a thickness of between about 50 microns and about 125 microns. The application identifies that one such membrane was available from the DuPont ® corporation. A person knowledgeable in the process of electrolysis would have understood that DuPont Nafion ® meets these technical and process guidelines. DuPont Nafion ® is a tradename for sulfonated tetrafluorethylene copolymer membrane.
7. In addition, I have carried out testing and design research employing polyphenylene sulfide (PPS) polymer proton exchange membranes from Chevron

Phillips Chemical Company Engineering Polymers Group to further broaden my knowledge and understand of membrane technology in the process of splitting water to derived hydrogen. Chevron Phillips Chemical PPS functions as a proton exchange membrane with certain features that make it competitive to DuPont Nafion. Work has been carried out employing Chevron Phillips Chemical PPS membrane material in thickness ranging from 2 mills, 5 mills up to 25 mills in thickness.

8. All statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I understand and acknowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.



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4) Development of Invention:

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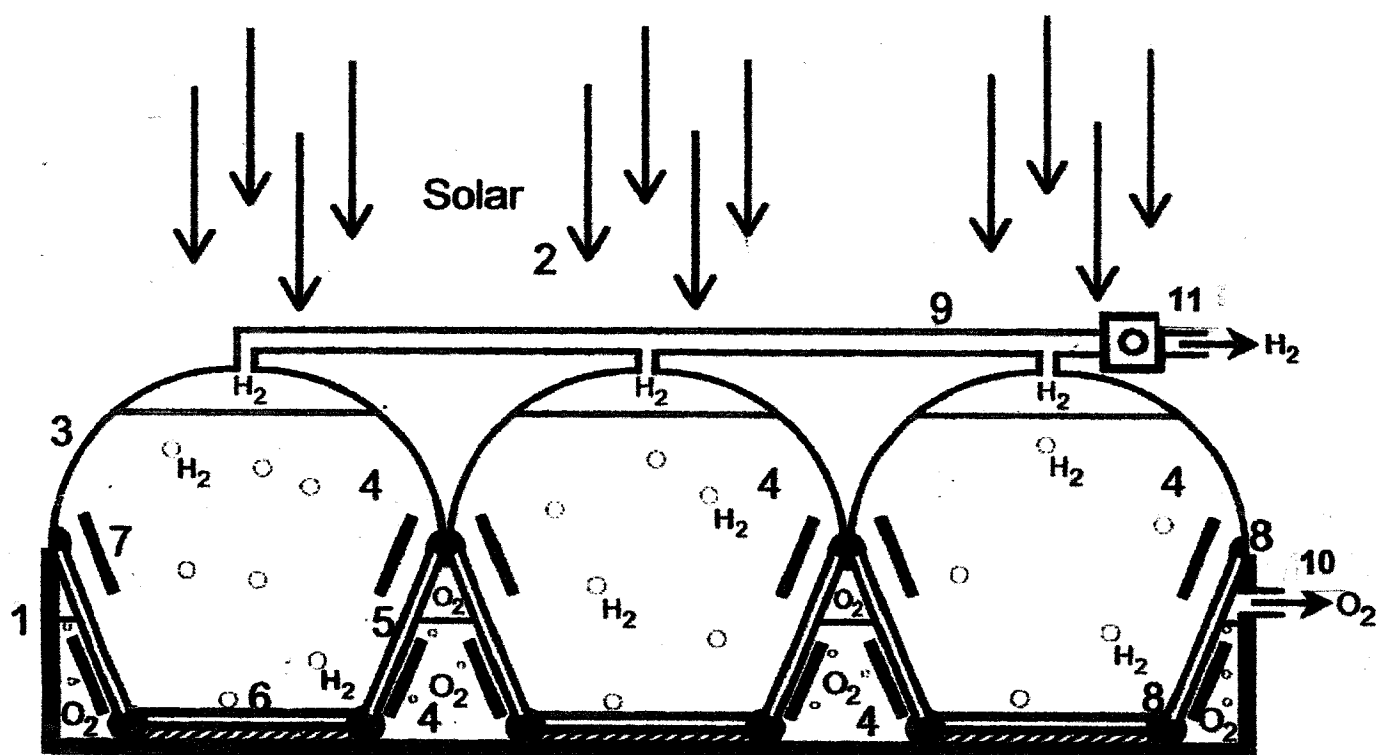
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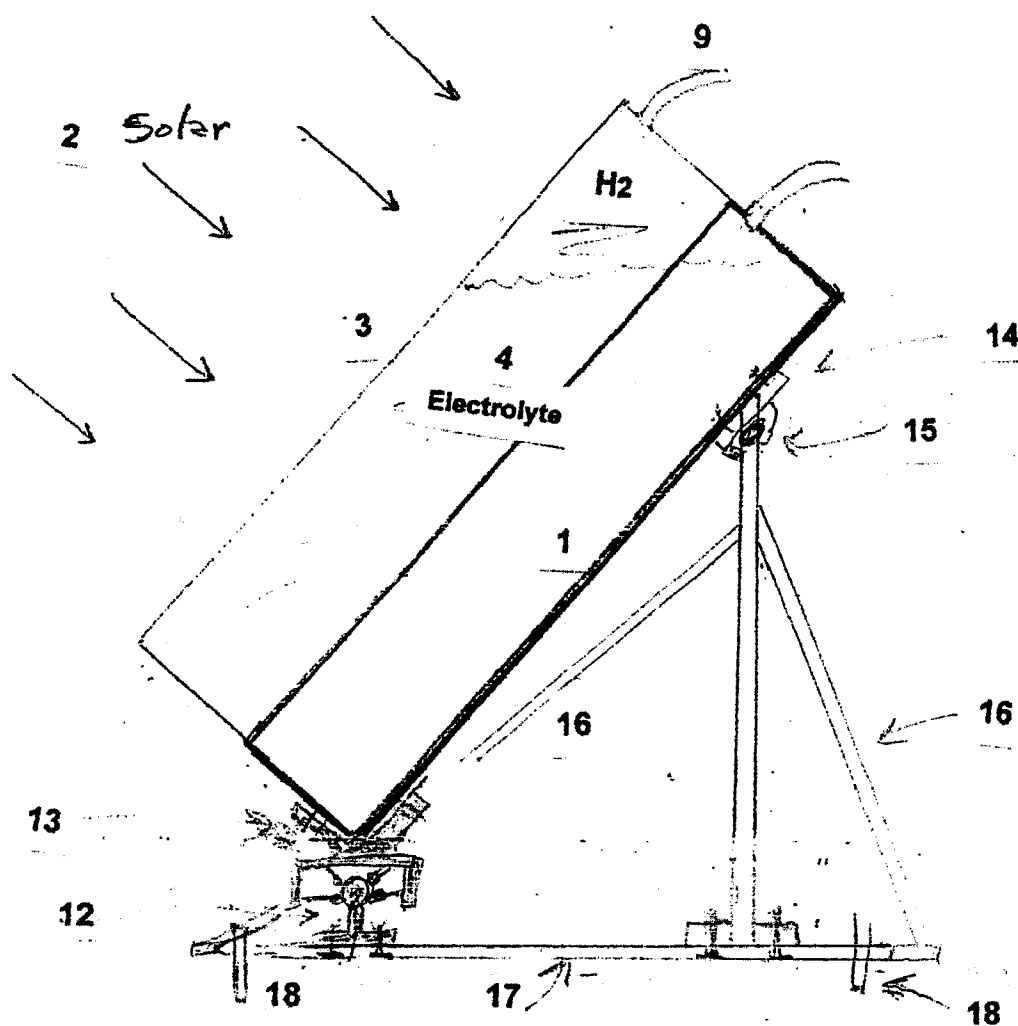
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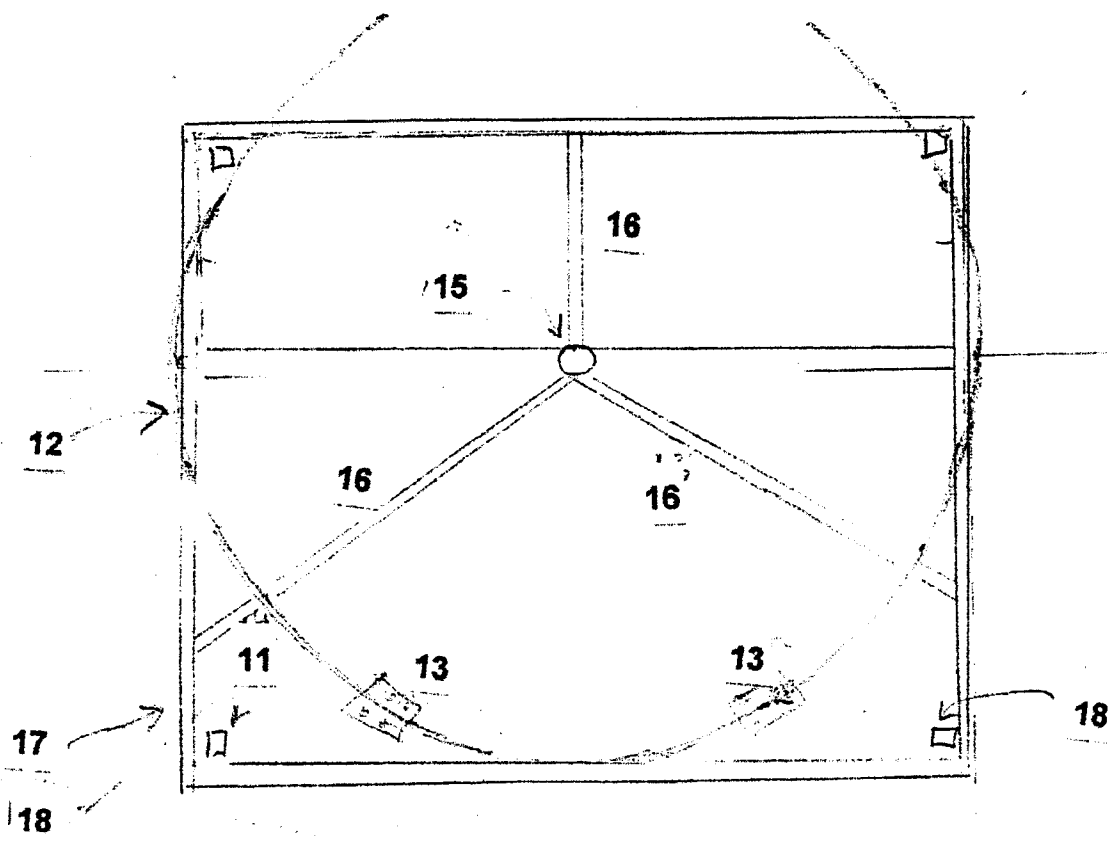
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**Figure 2. Photolysis Apparatus Line Drawing with Rotation Mechanism and Base Frame.**



- 1. Case Container Attached to Rotator at 13 & 15
- 12. Track Base Round and Circular
- 13. Four point rolling guide – attached to case (1) and grasping Track (11)
- 14. Grasp attached to case (1) and over pivot point.
- 15. Pivot Point of Rotation and post
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**Figure 3 Photolysis Apparatus Base Frame with Rotation Circular.**



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An apparatus and method for performing photolysis or electrolysis with materials such as water, thereby electrically separating the electrolyte into its elemental components. More specifically, according to a preferred aspect of the instant invention, there is provided an apparatus for splitting water into hydrogen and oxygen that employs solar concentration on semiconductor photovoltaic cells under aqueous or polymeric electrolyte and specifically prepared anode and cathode materials, separated by a polymeric membrane that processes the electrolyte into hydrogen and oxygen under solar exposure. A preferred embodiment of this apparatus uses solar concentration through a curved lens focusing through an electrolyte on to an immersed photovoltaic cell or a polymeric electrolyte, thereby producing and increasing the hydrogen and oxygen production out of the electrolyte from a given amount of solar radiation and included is a means to collect, purify, pressurize, and stored hydrogen produced for use in fuel cells to generate electricity or other energy needs.

**8) Signatures:**

The undersigned certify that to the best of their knowledge, they are the original, first and sole inventor(s) of the above invention.

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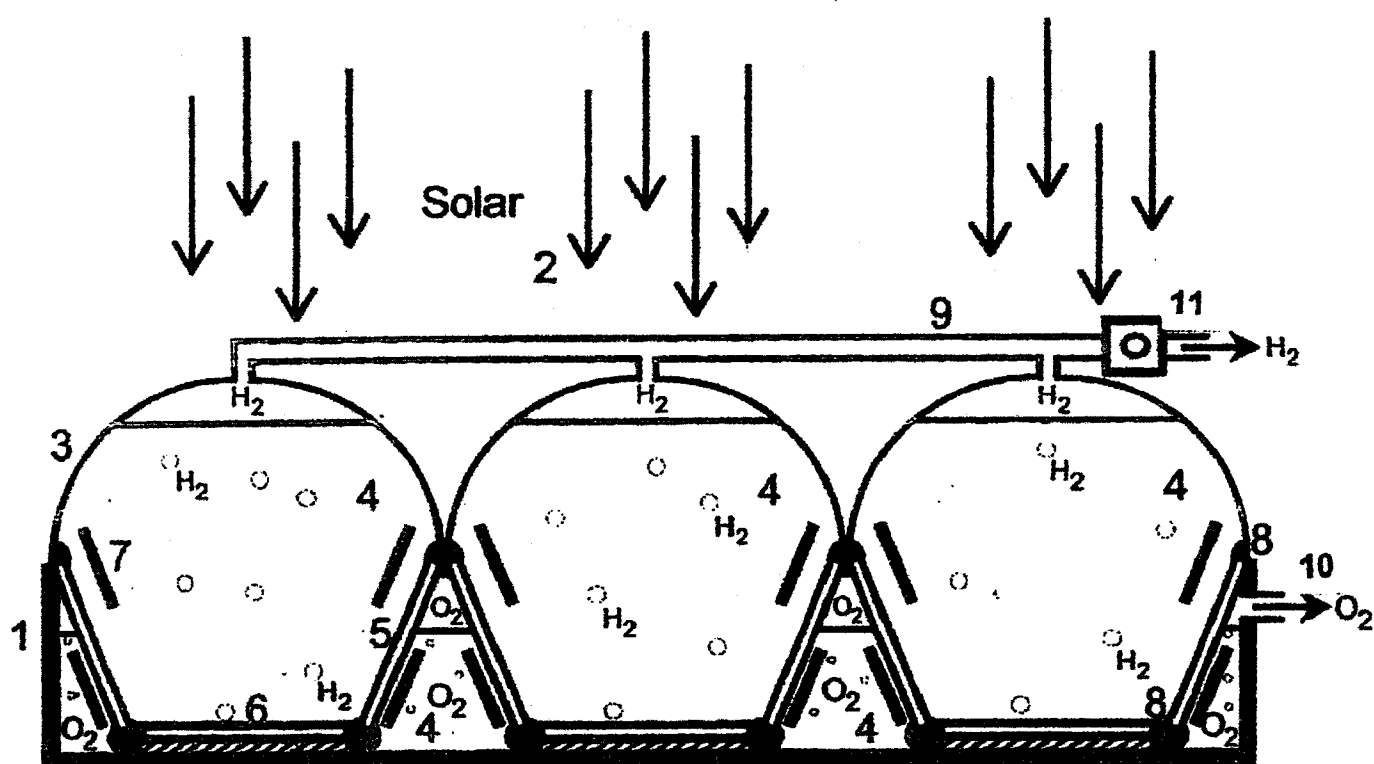
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